

NOTE 21 – INTERFUND COMMITMENTS

A. Mackinac Bridge Authority

The Mackinac Bridge Authority, a discretely presented component unit, has over the years received \$75.3 million of subsidies, including \$12.3 million for operations and \$63.0 million for debt service. These subsidies were provided by the State Trunkline and Michigan Transportation funds, respectively, both of which are special revenue funds.

State statutes require that the Authority continue charging bridge tolls and begin repaying the State funds for the subsidies provided. These repayments are to continue until such time as the subsidies have been completely returned. The Authority has not recorded a liability and the State funds have not recorded receivables for these subsidies because: the reimbursements

are contingent upon future net revenues, there is no repayment schedule, and the repayment commitment is long-term and budgetary in nature. Repayments may be authorized by the Authority, after consideration of the Authority's annual needs for its operations and planned repairs and improvements.

As of September 30, 2001, the Authority has repaid a total of \$9.5 million of the advance from the Michigan Transportation Fund, leaving a balance of \$53.5 million. No repayments have been made on the advance from the State Trunkline Fund.